

Calvert - 781  
St. John's ME Church - Site 2  
Soller's Wharf Road  
Lusby, MD 26057

1880, 1906, 1953

Access: Public

St. John M.E. Church stands 20' from the west side of Soller's Wharf Road; it faces east. The building is 36' across the front facade and 30' in depth. St. John is the oldest black Methodist congregation in this region of Calvert County. This congregation once occupied a white Methodist church that now is in ruins on this property. They built their own church in 1880. This building was rebuilt in 1906 and remodeled in 1953. St. John once had a school for black youths on their property. This is the mother church of Eastern Methodist Church which was once called Clivet Mission.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
(Early 20th Century)  
Sollers  
Public

St. John's church is a one story, three bay renovated frame building resting on concrete foundations and covered with aluminum siding. At the front or east elevation there is a projecting bell and entrance tower with a gable roof. Windows have modern single pane sashes.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. John's Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Sollers Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Sollers

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

MarylandCalvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETCCalvert County

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 765

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Prince FrederickMD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John's church is a one story, three bay renovated frame building, resting on concrete foundations and covered with aluminum siding. At the front or east elevation there is a projecting bell and entrance tower with a gable roof. Windows have modern single pane sashes.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES Early 20th Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Severe alteration of this church has destroyed its architectural significance.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

Merry Stinson

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Historic Sites Survey

March, 1980

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Box 107

STATE

Dunkirk

MD

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(301) 267-1438

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. John's U.M. Church - Site 2

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Soller's Wharf Road

CITY, TOWN

Lusby

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

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NAME Trustees, St. John U.M. Church

Telephone #: 326-4328

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Sollers Warf Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Lusby

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 20657

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert Co. Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street (MD 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# **7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John M.E. Church stands 20' from the west side of Sollers Marf Rd.; it faces east. The building is 36' across the front facade and 60' in depth. It is covered with aluminium siding and rests on a concrete foundation (this building has a basement). It was built in 1880, rebuilt in 1906 and remodeled in 1953. The entrance is reached by 5 concrete steps. It has wooden 4-panel double doors. The entrance tower rises to meet the east gable. There are (modern) decorative colored glass (6 rectangular) panes in the top of the tower. There is a cupola atop the gable which houses the bell. This cupola has a very brief spire with a cross atop. There are two 4' lancet windows 1-over-one (clear glass) in the tower, one on the north side and one on the south. There is a 4' rectangular clear glass window on the right of the entrance and another on the left (1-over-1). There are 4 of these rectangular 4' clear glass one-over-one windows on the south side of the building and four more on the northside. At the west end of the structure an addition joins the building to form an el.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1880-1886-1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

St. John M.E. Church is the oldest black Methodist congregation in this area of Calvert County. This congregation once occupied a old white church which now is in ruins on this property. They built their own church in 1880. St. John M.E. once had a school on their property for the education of black youths. There are cemeteries on the north and south sides of the church, and I was told by elderly members of the congregation that some of the graves are now beneath Bollers Wharf Road. St. John M.E. Church is the mother church of Eastern M.E. Church which was once Olivet Mission.

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STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American  
History & Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2073

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

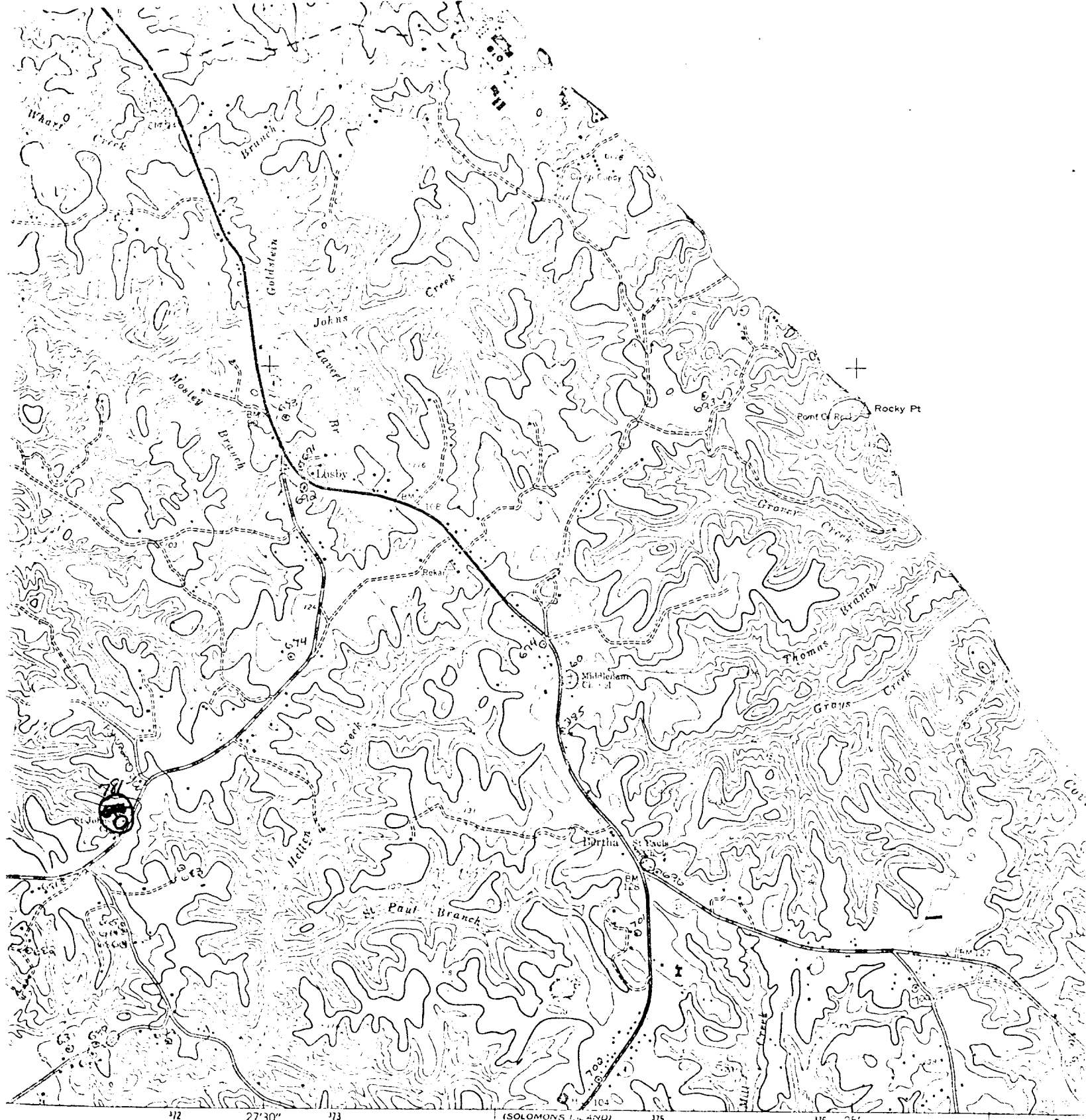
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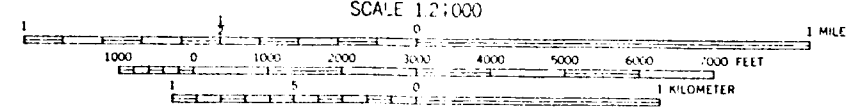
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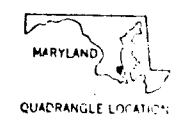


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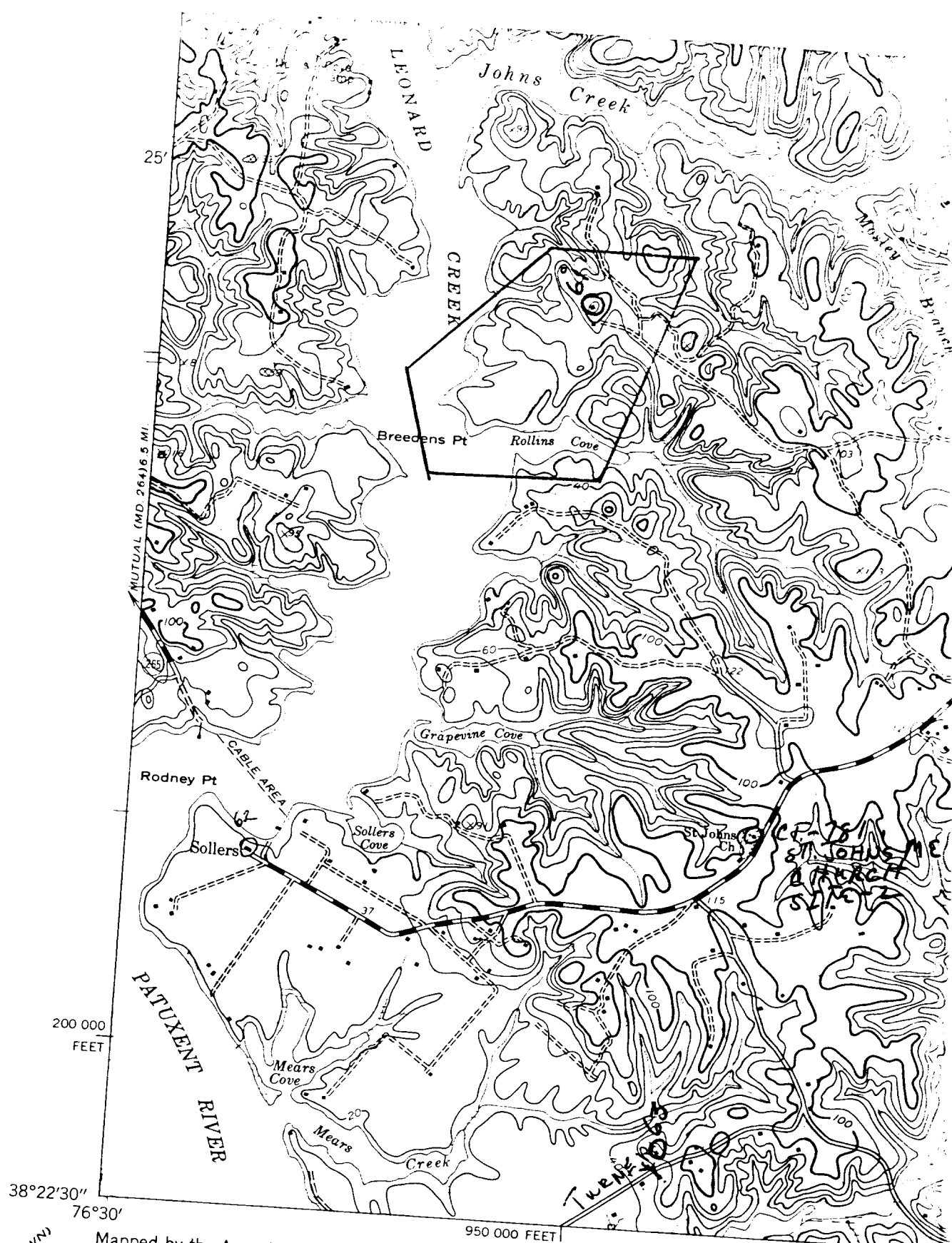
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 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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Cove Point  
 Quadrangle

CT-6781  
 St. John's Church



(LEONARDTOWN)  
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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
and by planetable surveys 1943. Aerial photographs taken 1942

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

COVE-POINT  
CT-781

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH



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St. John's Church  
Sollers Road, Sollers  
Calvert County, MD  
S.

Merry Stinson  
March, 1980



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St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Site 2  
Lusby, Calvert County, MD CT-781  
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Southeast elevation  
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